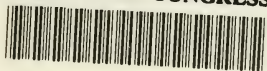


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Players—Ed Menard (Captain), Ed Hipson, rushers; John B. Wiley, centre; Ed. Furbush, half-back, William Heffernan, goal; Williams, substitute.

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ROLLER POLO.

New England is now the only section in which roller polo rages. This sport is eagerly awaited after the close of the base ball season. In that section is a strong organization which has been most successful. With the demise of roller skating, roller polo shared a similar fate in the West, but not so in the East—it boomed there. Massachusetts has almost always been the hotbed of the game. For a while the scene of action shifted to Connecticut, the Lynn team having been sold to the Hartford club for the considerable sum of \$3,500. New Haven and Hartford did a rushing business for a while, but weak spots developed, and Massachusetts once again formed the nucleus of professional roller polo. The present circuit is Providence, Pawtucket, New Bedford, Fall River and Salem. Of these cities Fall River and New Bedford, Providence and Pawtucket are natural rivals. The outlook for the game is excellent, and, if anything, the circuit will be strengthened in 1896. The success of the sport has been in no small measure due to the energetic efforts of Mr. Fred Clark, proprietor of the Providence club, who has spared neither time nor money to perpetuate the sport. Few have any idea of the excitement engendered in a game of roller polo. Even the hottest of base ball cranks aver that base ball games are tame in comparison with polo, as far as excitement and interest are concerned. There is not a dull moment in roller polo, which explains largely its popularity. Like football, it is a game of contiguity. It requires skill of the highest order, and affords abundant opportunities for scientific play as well as team work. It requires push, pluck, perseverance and, above all, endurance.

PLAYING THE GAME.

Two rushers, the centre, the half back and the goal tend constitute the players on each side. The rushers must be swift skaters, adepts in juggling and passing, as well as accurate

shots for goal. They must cultivate the knack of hitting the ball for cage when it is shot to them at its swiftest. The centre must support the rushers. It is his duty to either hit for cage or to pass the ball to the most available rusher when it is sent to him. The half back is a most difficult position. This player should be a sturdy, stocky fellow who can block his man well. He must be able to pass the ball quickly, and with good judgment and accuracy. To him falls the task of stopping as many balls as possible as are directed for the goal, and protecting that place as far as he can. The goal tend must be a cool, active player. He should leave his cage as seldom as possible, never quitting it, except in case of the greatest emergency. When the ball is in his territory he should give the utmost assistance to his rushers, as he can be of great assistance to them in locating the ball and advising them of any danger from the opposing players.

THE BOSTON CHAMPIONS.

The polo season of 1894-95 ended by the Boston team winning the championship. It was a pretty contest all the season through, the first five clubs at no time being more than a few games apart. The Bostons took the lead early in the season, and kept it to the end, although on several occasions the New Bedfords and Providences worked up to within a game or two of them.

There was a great fight for second place between the next four clubs, after first place had been practically decided. New Bedford, however, had slightly the advantage, and secured the position.

The personnel of the teams was changed somewhat during the season. Hipson, who started with Boston, went to Providence in exchange for Parsons soon after the season began. Cotter also went from Boston to Providence about three weeks before the close of the season.

At New Bedford Doe, Roberts, Dunning and Conway were with the team from the opening of the season. John Smith began the season with the team, but soon gave way to Broadbent, who was succeeded by "Stub" Reed a little later.

Curley, who began the season with Lynn, was exchanged for Heffernan of Salem.

T. Sullivan began the season with Lynn, and later went to Pawtucket, but played only a few games with that team.

The Pawtuckets had the hardest luck of any club in the league, so far as injury to players are concerned. Griffin was injured early in the season, and was of but little value to his team. Canavan and Cunningham were in poor condition a good deal, although they both played most of the time. For the last three weeks the club had been deprived of the services of Whiting.

There were numerous changes in the Salem team. Bone and Spencer were both added to the team after the season began, and Curley took the place of Heffernan in goal. Phelan was obliged to lay off for the greater part of the season, owing to an injury to his face.

Sketches of the members of the champion Boston team are given below:

The recognized king of polo players to-day is Thomas B. Cotter. He was born in Waltham twenty-eight years ago. When the roller skating craze struck that city he was among the first to learn the art, and when polo was in its infancy he was one of its strongest admirers. In 1883 he became a member of the Crescents, since which time he has steadily advanced, until now he stands at the head of the profession.

In 1884-85-86 Cotter was captain and rusher of the champion Walthams, having as his lieutenant the late Jimmy Seelye. In 1887-88 he was with the Pawtuckets. In 1889-90-91 and a part of 1892 he was with the Hartfords; this team winning the championship two years. The latter part of 1892 Cotter played with an amateur team in Waltham just to keep in training. During the season of 1893 he led the Waltham team to victory.

Two seasons ago Cotter came to Boston and succeeded in landing his team in first place. Last year he again took hold of the Boston team, and, while so far as winning games was concerned, polo was a success in Boston, yet, financially, it proved to be a losing venture. Cotter, although losing money, stayed with his team until first place was practically assured, and then, to save himself, went to Providence, where he was offered a good salary to finish out the last three weeks of the season.

Cotter is the best known polo player on the surface to-day,

and no one knows the scientific points of the game so well as he. He is almost 6 feet tall, and weighs 190 pounds.

The acknowledged king of rushers on the surface to-day is Frank A. Wodtke. He is a swift skater, a hard driver and a sure shot for goal. Wodtke is a cool-headed player, and never loses his head or commits a foul intentionally. He is a great stayer, and, no matter how far in the lead his team may be, he plays as if the game depended on his making one more goal. It is just the same if the game is hopelessly lost—he always plays his string out, and will not quit or let up a particle till the gong puts an end to the game. Wodtke is the hardest loser in the business, and seems to take more real pleasure in winning a game than in eating his supper.

This phenomenon in the polo line was born in Germany twenty-five years ago, but has lived in America most of his life. He began as a professional in 1889 with the New Havens. The two following years he was with the Danbury and Bridgeport teams. The next season he was in Brooklyn and Jersey City, where he played on the champion Metropolitan team. In the season of 1892-93 Cotter had him on his champion Waltham team, where he rushed with Hipson. The following year Cotter brought his team to Boston, and Wodtke's fine work had a great deal to do with bringing the pennant to this city.

The past season Wodtke was Cotter's right-hand man, and when the latter went to Providence to take charge of the team in that city he was at once put in charge of the Boston team, and, under his skilful handling, it was able to finish first by a good margin. Wodtke is 5 feet 6 inches tall, and weighs 165 pounds. His success as a polo player can largely be attributed to his excellent habits, which always keep him in the best of condition.

William A. Parsons, Boston's first rusher, was born in Worcester in 1867, being now twenty-eight years of age. His first appearance on the polo surface was in the season of 1884-85, when he played on the New Britain team in the Connecticut league. In 1885-86 he was with the Hartford team, and in 1886-87 he played in New Haven. The three following years Parsons was a member of the Bridgeport team, where he had for a partner in the rush a part of the time Dick Pierce, now

of the Lynn team. He then went to New Britain again, where he played with Fred Clark's team in that city. The following year found Parsons in Hartford. Two seasons ago he was a member of the Providence Grays, and played in the rush with Archie Newcomb. He signed to play with that team again last year, but early in the season a deal was made whereby he was exchanged for Hipson.

For a while Parsons did not show up very well, and Cotter was blamed by a good many for letting such a good man as Hipson go. His poor work was due, however, largely to the fact that he was not used to Wodtke's style of play. These two men play a very different kind of game, and it was some time before they worked together to advantage. As the season advanced it was proved that Boston did not lose by the exchange. Parsons is a very fast skater, and one of the quickest men to the spot in the league. In winning rushes he can be classed with such men as Cunningham, of Pawtucket; Hipson, of Providence; Roberts, of New Bedford; Pierce and Menard. He is not so hard a driver for goal as Wodtke, Cotter, Roberts and a few others, but in accuracy he has few equals. Parsons is one of the most gentlemanly players on the surface, and it is very seldom that the referee is obliged to call a foul on him. He weighs about 155 pounds, and is a little above the medium height.

Last season was George H. Everett's third year as a professional polo player, and each year he has had the honor of being a member of a champion team. He was born in Boston, and is twenty-five years old. His first appearance as a poloist dates back in 1887, when in the Waltham watch factory league he played half-back in the champion team from Warren's room. He did not appear on the surface again until 1891, when he played half-back for Green's room, and it was not his fault that his team did not win the watch factory league championship that year. The following year he was in Wrenn's team, which won the championship with honors. This ended his career as an amateur, as the next season Cotter had him on his Waltham team.

Then he came to Boston, where his fine work in front of the goal guardian made him a great favorite among all the cranks. As an all-round half-back Everett has no

equal playing polo to-day. Whiting is looked upon as the more aggressive man, but when it comes to combining all the qualities that go to make a half-back, Everett unquestionably is the better man. Everett is a great worker, and, although the smallest half-back in the league, is not afraid to run up against players much heavier than himself. His strong point is defensive work, but he can take the ball down the rink in an emergency. He is very accurate in passing and always sends the ball to his rushers in a way that makes it easy to handle. He is a great help to his goal tend, and Mills' success in the Boston circle this year can largely be attributed to him. In some games he seems to make almost as many stops as the goal tend himself. No one can accuse him of ever adopting any mean or unfair tactics in his playing. His weight is 150 pounds and he is 5 feet 4 inches in height.

Charles F. Mills made his debut as a full-fledged professional polo player last season. He is the youngest goal tend in the league, but his record for the season has been an enviable one. To be sure, he has been backed up by the best team in the league, but, notwithstanding this fact, he could always be relied upon to do his full share of the work.

Mills was born in Newport, Me., in 1871, being now 24 years of age. His first appearance on the polo surface was in the winter of 1885-86, when he tended goal for the champion team from Warren's room in the Waltham watch factory league. In the season of 1888-89 he played on Green's team, which finished in second place. The following season Mills was a member of Wrenn's famous team that went through the season with but one defeat. Last season he played with Noble's team, which also won the championship. During that season he played goal once or twice for Cotter with very good success.

Last season Cotter secured him for his team in Boston, and his excellent work in the goal circle has made him most popular in that city. Mills is a hard-working, conscientious player, and is very accurate in judging drives for his cage. No one can accuse him of ever shirking, and he is never afraid to get in front of the hardest drives. He has been very fortunate in having such a man as Everett in front of him this season, and together they have constituted the strongest de-

fence in the league. Mills is well put together and weighs about 155 pounds.

Gus Maynard was born in Covington, Ky., 23 years ago. His polo career began at Waltham four years ago, when he played with the United States watch factory team. Last year was Maynard's first as a professional. Cotter signed him to play substitute on the Boston team the first of the season, and when the former went to Providence Maynard was put in centre, where he finished out the season with a good record.

Maynard, while not so fast a man as some players in the league, always works hard for his team and can be relied upon to do his full share. He is very strong, and never hesitates to go up against players larger than himself. He also has the happy faculty of seldom getting hurt. Maynard is left-handed, and while not a hard driver, passes well and is a fair shot for goal. His regular position is half-back, yet he has played almost every position while he has been with the Boston team.

Gendreau, an amateur, has also played a few games with the team. He comes from Waltham, and began polo playing in that city.

THE STANDING—1894-95.

CLUBS.	Boston.....	N. Bedford.	Providence.	Lynn	Pawtucket.	Salem.....	Won	Per Cent....
Boston.....	..	9	12	11	10	19	61	.635
New Bedford.....	11	..	9	9	14	14	57	.593
Providence.....	7	10	..	10	8	18	53	.546
Lynn.....	9	10	8	..	9	16	52	.541
Pawtucket.....	8	6	13	10	..	14	51	.525
Salem.....	0	4	2	4	5	..	15	.156
Lost.....	35	39	44	44	46	81		

Roberts, of the New Bedfords, led in goal getting for the season, with 366. Wodtke, of Boston, was second, with 306, and was the only other player besides Roberts above the 300 mark.

Cotter has a good goal-getting record for a centre, and leads the centres in this line. The total number of goals scored by the various players in the league for the season follows:

Roberts	366	Griffin	43
Wodtke	306	Staniford	42
Parsons.....	275	Leydon	39
Hipson.....	267	Smith (Salem).....	38
Newcomb.....	257	Spencer.....	31
Menard	245	Hadley.....	29
Cunningham	231	Whiting	19
Canavan.....	198	Conway.....	18
Pierce.....	198	Smith (Providence).....	12
Dunning	175	Phelan.....	8
Wiley.....	78	Everett.....	4
Cotter.....	71	Furbush	4
Bone.....	60	Maynard.....	2
Doe.....	58	Sullivan (Pawtucket).....	1
Connell	55	Sullivan (Lynn).....	1

In the matter of capturing rushes Hipson, of Providence, carried off the season's honors, having uncovered the spot 920 times. The rushes won by the different players for the season are appended:

Hipson.....	920	Cotter.....	19
Cunningham	775	Canavan.....	16
Roberts.....	632	Smith (Providence).....	15
Parsons.....	400	Dunning.....	10
Pierce.....	308	Hadley	8
Menard	244	Griffin.....	6
Bone.....	162	Connell.....	4
Wiley.....	119	Leydon	3
Wodtke	79	Staniford	2
Smith (Salem).....	51	Whiting	2
Doe.....	42	Conway.....	2
Newcomb.....	20	Spencer.,	1



CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be known as "THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ROLLER POLO CLUBS."

OBJECTS.

ART. 2. The objects of this association are (*a*) To perpetuate the game of roller polo, and to surround it with such safeguards as to secure absolute confidence on the part of the public in its integrity and methods. (*b*) To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional roller polo clubs and players, and (*c*) to establish and regulate the roller polo championship of this association.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 3. This association shall consist of five clubs, located in the following cities: Fall River, Providence, Pawtucket, Salem and New Bedford, and such other clubs as may be elected from time to time, but in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.

ORGANIZATION.

ART. 4. Any club shall have the right to ask the association for permission to dispose of its rights and franchises as a member of this association to some other city or organization. In the event of this association consenting to the acceptance of such change, such club shall be admitted to membership, provided it shall assume, together with the rights and franchises of said retiring club, all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by said retiring club as a member of this association. Provided, however, that the retiring

club shall not be relieved or released from any contracts, responsibilities or obligations entered into by it with this association until all of said contracts, responsibilities and obligations have been fully paid by the club accepting its membership, rights and franchises. On the disbandment, resignation or expulsion of any club, such club shall forfeit all right to or interest in any funds or property of the association, but such club shall remain subject to all existing obligations.

ART. 5. No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the secretary of this organization a written application for membership, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located. Such application must be signed by the party controlling the club.

ART. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot and a unanimous vote shall be necessary for election.

ART. 7. In case of a vacancy in the clubs of the association the secretary shall request a vote by mail or telegraph should there be any applications for membership, and in case of election such membership shall continue only to the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this association. A unanimous vote will be necessary for election.

ART. 8. The membership of any club of this association may be terminated:

(a) By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all the clubs.

(b) By failure to present its men at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unavoidable accidents in traveling or act of God alone preventing.

(c) Disbandment of its organization or team during the championship season.

(d) Failing or refusing to fulfil its contract obligation.

(e) Failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the President, Secretary or Executive Committee.

(f) Wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, of the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance therefor.

(g) By a unanimous vote of the remaining clubs that for business reasons such membership is no longer desirable.

ART. 9. (a) To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8, the facts covered in any section must be reported to the Secretary of the association, who shall at once notify by mail or telegraph the party charged with the specified default or offence, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed the Executive Committee shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "for expulsion" or "against expulsion," and if the vote "for expulsion" is unanimous, the Secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged.

(b) Upon conviction of any of the offences prescribed as causes for expulsion in Article 8, the Executive Committee may impose such a fine as is, in their judgment, commensurate with the offence.

ART. 10. The officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and three members-at-large.

Should the office of the President or Secretary become vacant by death, resignation or removal, the association shall within one week elect a successor. Under no circumstances shall any one be eligible to the Presidency or Secretaryship who is in any way financially interested in any club of the association. In all cases the election must be by ballot.

ART. 11. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the association, and as such shall be the custodian of its funds, receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as ordered by the association and render annually a report of his accounts. He shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the league, keep a true account of all meetings, issue all official notices and attend to the necessary correspondence. He shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and material as the actual duties of his office may require.

ART. 12. The President and Secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be

reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by them in the service of the association.

ART. 13. No player under contract with, or reservation to, any club of this association shall, without its consent, enter into negotiations with any club or other association or league for future services, but if such consent be obtained a player may negotiate for his release and offer a money consideration therefor, which may be accepted by the club.

ART. 14. In event of the disbanding of a club from this association or its withdrawal from the association or the loss of membership, the players shall become the property of the association and shall be transferred as the association shall determine.

ART. 15. No manager or player who has been suspended or expelled from this association shall at any time thereafter be allowed to serve any club in this association in any capacity unless the term of suspension has expired, or upon appeal to this association his disability has been set aside.

ART. 16. No game of roller polo shall be played between a club of this association and any other club that has been expelled from membership. No game shall be played between a club of this association and any other club employing or presenting in its team a player expelled, under suspension or otherwise ineligible. A violation of this article shall forfeit the game in favor of the non-offending club and subject it to such fine as the association may impose.

ART. 17. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing or conspiring to cause any game of roller polo to result otherwise than on its merits under the rules of the game, or who, while acting as referee, shall violate any provision of this constitution or of the playing rules adopted, may be forever disqualified by the President from acting as referee, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of roller polo participated in by a club of this association.

ART. 18. A staff of referees shall be selected by the Secretary before the opening of the regular season. They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon between them and the Secretary. They shall be under the sole control and direction of the Secretary, from whom they shall receive their assignments to duty and

all instructions regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, and the Secretary shall prescribe a proper uniform for them, which they shall wear while officiating as umpires. In the event of the failure of a referee to officiate at a game to which he has been assigned, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute.

(a) It shall be the duty of each club of this association to accept as referee for any championship game such person as has been assigned therefor by the Secretary, and only in the event of the failure of the official referee or a substitute to appear shall the duty devolve upon the home club to submit the names of three persons, one of whom shall be selected by the visiting club. If the visiting club fails to designate one of these three persons within five minutes after they have been submitted, the home club shall name the referee from the persons submitted.

(b) Any referee shall be subject to removal by the Secretary at any time, and in the event of his resignation, removal or expulsion the Secretary shall appoint his successor.

(c) Any referee who shall, in the opinion of the Secretary, be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct on or off the playing surface, or of selling or offering to sell a game, shall thereupon be removed and placed under the same ban as expelled players.

ART. 19. The Executive Committee shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between clubs. Each case shall be submitted and determined according to the finding of said committee. Its finding shall be final, and under no circumstances shall it be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into either by the association or any subsequent committee.

ART. 20. The Executive Committee shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for conduct in violation of any provision of this constitution or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of roller polo, and shall have the power to fine, suspend or expel such manager. Provided, that such complaint shall be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the committee to ascertain all the facts and be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall be at once referred to the committee.

ART. 21. In case a player shall during the season prefer a complaint, in writing, to the Secretary, alleging that his club is in arrears for salary for more than fifteen days, the Secretary shall at once transmit to such club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if one week shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the case to the Executive Committee, through its chairman; and should the Committee find its player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of membership, to pay the player forthwith the full amount due him. Provided that should the player refuse to serve the club, pending action by the Committee on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of any award, and in such case the Committee shall revoke the award.

ART. 22. The Executive Committee shall be the tribunal to hear an appeal made by any person who has been suspended, expelled or disciplined by a club. Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of expulsion, file with the Secretary a written statement of his case, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed. The Secretary shall notify every club of this request, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal, and at the next annual meeting the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Committee shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

ART. 23. Any expense of trial or arbitration or complaint shall be borne by the party adjudged to be at fault.

ART. 24. The championship season shall extend from the first day in November and continue until such date as the Schedule Committee may determine.

ART. 25. Every game played by and between members of this association during the championship season must be a championship game.

ART. 26. Each club shall have half of the championship series played in its own rink. This shall be only altered in case of unanimous consent of the other clubs.

If less than six men of a visiting team appear to play, the

management of said team shall pay to the management of the opposing team the sum of \$5 for each man absent.

ART. 27. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games, to count in its series by a score of three goals to none, in case the referee in any game awards it to a club on account of violation of the opposing club of any provisions of this Constitution or any playing rule, and in the event of such forfeiture being caused by withdrawal of the players during the progress of the game, or by a failure to report with its team at the time advertised for the game to begin, or for a refusal to continue the game, the forfeiting club shall incur a penalty of \$100, and the manager or captain \$50, which shall be payable to the Secretary within ten days; said sums to be divided between the Association and the club not at fault.

ART. 28. The club winning the largest percentage of games shall be declared the winner of the pennant of this Association. In the event of two or more clubs having attained the same percentage, the Executive Committee shall at once arrange for a series of five games between such clubs; two of the games to be played on the home surface, and the other as the Committee shall determine.

ART. 29. At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost during the season, and submit the same to the Executive Committee, who shall make the award of the championship in writing, and report the same to the Association at its annual meeting.

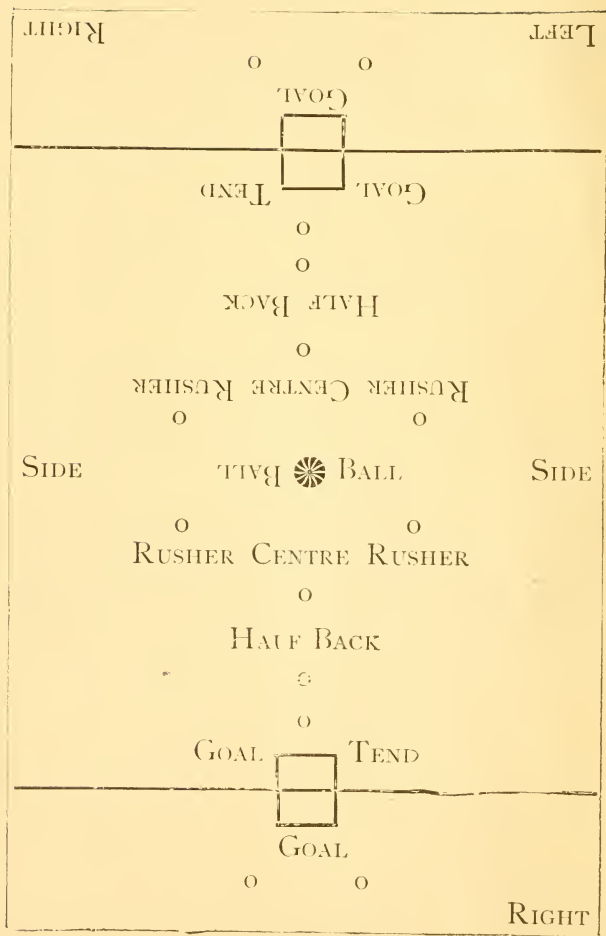


DIAGRAM OF RINK.

PLAYING RULES.

1. Each team shall consist of five players, to be designated as follows: one goal-tend, one half-back, one center, two rushers.

2. The ball shall be the regulation rubber-covered polo ball, which shall be furnished by the manager of the home club, and become the property of the winning club.

3. The sticks shall not exceed four feet in length, one inch and one-eighth in diameter, or fifteen ounces in weight. The crook of the stick may be covered with leather, but no metallic substance will be allowed near that end of the stick. A cord or strap shall be attached to the handle to prevent the stick from slipping from the hand, but it shall not extend more than ten inches beyond the end.

4. All games shall be played upon circular running skates, in good order, without any extra appliances; the rolls to be standard size, with a smooth brass face. No skate shall be more than two inches shorter than the ordinary boot or shoe of the player, and said boot or shoe shall have no foreign substance attached to it. The spindle must not project more than one-quarter of an inch from the skate.

The skates must be securely fastened to the foot, and no player can call time to readjust his skate.

For each championship game two balls shall be furnished by the home club to the referee for use. If the ball in play is batted out of the playing surface, and is not returned within 30 seconds, the other ball shall be put in play by the referee. As often as one of the two in use is lost, a new one must be substituted, so that the referee shall at all times, after the game begins, have two for use.

The last ball in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball used in championship games shall be examined by the secretary of this association, enclosed in a

paper box and sealed with his seal, which seal shall not be broken except by the referee in the presence of the two contesting teams after play has been called.

Should the ball become out of shape cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be in the opinion of the referee unfit for use the referee, on being appealed to by either captain, shall at once put the alternate ball into use and call for a new one.

In case a skate is broken, and a player thereby is obliged to leave the surface, his place must be taken by a substitute in uniform; but the player retiring cannot resume his position until a goal has been made or the time limit expired.

5. The goal shall be the regulation cage goal, three feet high and four and one-half feet long. The surface must be pumiced and swept before each game.

6. In playing a game the front of the cage must not be less than ten feet from the end, and equi-distant from the sides of the playing surface of the rink.

7. No player, except the goal-tend, shall be allowed within a semicircle plainly indicated in front of the goal, the radius of which must be three feet from the centre of the goal line. It is understood that if the goal-tend leaves his position, whoever for the time being takes his place is the goal-tend.

8. To start the game, the ball shall be placed at the middle of a straight line drawn through the center of each goal, and at the whistle of the referee, shall be charged upon by a player from each team.

A goal is won by the passage of the ball into the cage, where it must remain until removed by the referee.

9. The positions of the teams shall be reversed after each goal.

10. Three innings of fifteen minutes each of actual playing time shall constitute a game except as provided for hereinafter, and the club winning the most goals in that time shall be the winner of the game.

In computing the time, all waits between goals and during the progress of the game on calls of time shall be deducted from the actual time and only the *playing time* of the goals reckoned.

The final goal shall be the one which ends at the expiration of the third fifteen minutes of actual playing time, unless the clubs are tied, in which case the deciding goal shall be played.

11. There shall be a corps of official referees and time keepers appointed by the Secretary, and time must be kept by a stop watch or a stop clock; the expenses of these officials shall be paid by the manager of the rink in which the game is played. If either official fails to appear at any game, he shall be appointed by the captain of the visiting club.

12. Any time keeper may be removed upon the protest of three clubs.

13. No person but the players and referee shall be permitted on the surface during a match, unless assistance is to be rendered in case of accident, or unless upon mutual invitation of the captains and referee.

14. The referee shall have charge of the clubs and the surface from the time the game is called till it is finished or postponed. He shall start and call the game, shall settle all disputed points, and shall announce each goal, giving its time, and all fouls and their nature.

The referee is the master of the surface from the beginning of the game to its close, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators. Any person offering any insult or indignity to him shall be ejected from the premises.

He must be invariably addressed by the players as Mr. Referee; and he must compel the players to observe the provisions of the playing rules.

The referee must keep the contesting teams playing constantly from the beginning of the game to its termination, allowing for such delays as are rendered unavoidable by accident.

The referee must call play promptly at the hour designated by the home club, and on the blast of the whistle the contest shall begin. When the whistle is blown for time no goal can be counted that is made until the signal has been given to renew play.

15. The skates of each club shall be examined by the referee and the manager immediately before the players go on the surface. Any player found with illegal skates or rolls shall be fined not less than five nor more than ten dollars. No

player shall be allowed to leave the surface without permission of the referee, who shall examine his skates upon his return.

16. There shall be an official scorer connected with each club, who shall prepare a summary of each contest, which shall contain the names of the players, the number and order of goals won by each team, and the time occupied in playing for each goal, which shall be promptly mailed to the Secretary of the Association.

17. If, after the completion of a game and the decision of the referee, either club has cause for dissatisfaction with the rulings of the referee, they may, by submitting a formal complaint within twenty-four hours to the Secretary, signed by the captain or manager of the team, stating their reasons for the complaint, have the matter decided by the Association; but no club shall have the right to enter a complaint that does not abide by the decision of the referee, and play the game out under his direction. Any club refusing to complete a game shall be liable to expulsion.

18. If the ball go out of bounds the referee shall blow his whistle to call time and place the ball at the point opposite where it went out, at least four feet from the rail. In recommencing play the players who do so must stand in position to knock the ball lengthwise of the surface, with their backs toward the sides.

19. Time shall be called by the referee whenever a foul occurs. Upon the renewal of the game the ball must be placed where the foul occurred.

20. If time is called while a goal is in progress the play shall not cease until the referee's whistle is blown.

21. A goal shall be taken from either side for every third foul committed by it during the progress of a game. After taking cognizance of a third foul and announcing the result the referee shall continue the game from where it left off at the call of foul.

22. It shall be deemed a foul : (a)—if any player stop or strike the ball when any part of his person is touching the surface; (b)—if any player stop, catch, or bat the ball with his hands or arms; (c)—if any player, save the goal tend or one taking his place, kick the ball with his foot or skate; (d)—if

the player intentionally violate rule seven; (e)—if any player hold another player on the surface or against the rail; (f)—if any player run about or strike the ball while one of his skates is off; (g)—if any player stop before or in the immediate vicinity of the goal cage to readjust his skates; (h) if any player put his stick between the arm and body of another player.

23. If the referee decides that a foul is made in the goal by the goal-tend, or by any player taking his place for the time being, that prevents a goal from being made, it shall give a goal to the other team.

If the goal-tend removes or attempts to remove the ball after it has gone into the goal he shall be fined \$5, and the goal allowed to the opposing side.

24. *Any act by any player, that is manifestly intended as an unwarrantable interference by one player with another, may be declared a foul by the referee from his own observation or upon complaint by the captain of the offended side.*

25. If, on account of the absence of, or injury to any player, a substitute is necessary, and no regular member of the team is present, any person may be selected with the approval of the captain of the opposing team given in the presence of the referee.

26. If a dispute shall arise upon the surface, it shall be settled by the referee and the two captains. The players shall immediately resume their positions on the floor and take no part in the discussion unless called upon by the referee. Any player violating this rule shall be fined by the referee not exceeding \$5 for each and every offense.

27. If any club refuses to play a schedule game, or to abide by the decision of the referee, they shall forfeit the game and be liable to expulsion; and the members leaving the floor shall be liable to expulsion and subject to an individual fine of twenty-five dollars.

28. If from any cause, during the game, play should be suspended, each player shall fall back to his position and remain quietly standing in an upright position, and shall refrain from touching or knocking the ball. Any player violating this rule shall be fined one dollar.

29. Upon the beginning of play the visiting club shall take the goal nearest the entrance to the surface.

30. Any player who does not answer to the call of the referee on the surface at the appointed time, shall be fined one dollar.

31. No player shall wear any extra appliances larger than the ordinary size, such as masks, shin-pads, chest protectors, etc., to impede the progress of the ball. Any player violating this rule shall be ordered from the floor by the referee to make such changes as the referee may desire. The player shall also be liable to a fine of not more than three dollars or less than one dollar.

32. Any player throwing his stick at the ball or across the surface shall be fined five dollars, and for a second offense during the same game, ten dollars.

Any player deliberately tripping or striking another shall be fined ten dollars, and for a second offense during the same game, twenty dollars, and he shall also be ordered from the surface for the remainder of the game.

Any players engaging in a broil or altercation upon the surface shall be immediately ordered from the surface and fined twenty dollars each, and they may be suspended or expelled, in addition to their fines, according to the gravity of their offense.

Any player using profane or obscene language on the floor, or acting in an ungentlemanly manner sufficient to attract the attention of the spectators, shall be fined ten dollars, and he may be suspended or expelled in addition to his fine.

Any act by any player that is manifestly intended to delay or obstruct the game, or is contrary to the spirit of fair and honorable play, shall subject the player to a fine, suspension or expulsion, according to its gravity, by the referee or the Executive Committee.

33. If, at any time or place, any player shall use abusive or insulting language, or offer violence to any referee, the latter may prefer charges against the player; and the Executive Committee shall, upon the proving of such charges, fine the player from ten to twenty-five dollars, or expel him, according to the gravity of his offense.

34. When any player is fined by a referee or by the directors of the league, such fine shall be collected by said referee before leaving the hall, after notifying the offending player and his captain or manager, and in case of his inability to collect such fine, the referee, for the ensuing game, shall collect the same before beginning the contest, and in default thereof, shall award the game to the visiting club.

No referee shall remit a fine once imposed on the penalty of himself incurring the same.

Any fined player shall be considered eligible to play if his fine has been mailed to the Secretary within twenty-four hours after the receiving of the notice of the same from the Secretary or the referee, the burden of proof being upon the manager, and the postmarks being evidence of the receipt and dispatch of letters.

35. Any club playing a player who has unpaid fines shall, upon knowledge of the same coming to the Secretary, be declared by him to have forfeited every such game to the opposing club.

36. From any fine over five dollars imposed by a referee a player can appeal through his manager to the Executive Committee of his division; but the referee shall be upheld unless four managers vote against his decision, the interested manager refraining from voting, and the vote being one of record.

37. In case of any disturbance, unnecessary noise or interference with the game or the referee by any one else, the referee shall have the right to suspend the game until quiet is restored, or, if necessary, he may order the offending party or parties expelled from the rink. In case his orders are not complied with, he may stop the game and award the game to the visiting club.

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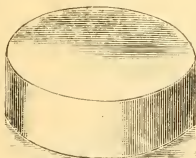
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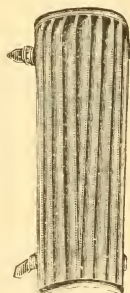
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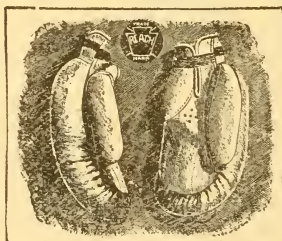
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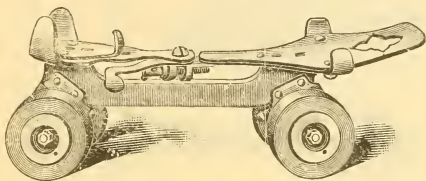
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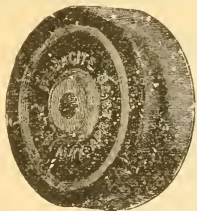
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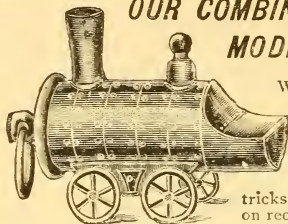
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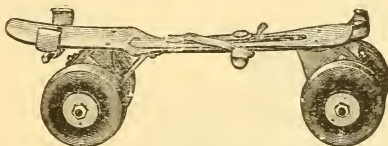


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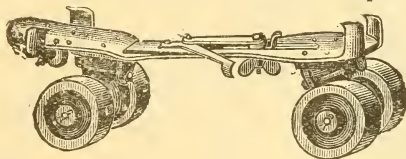
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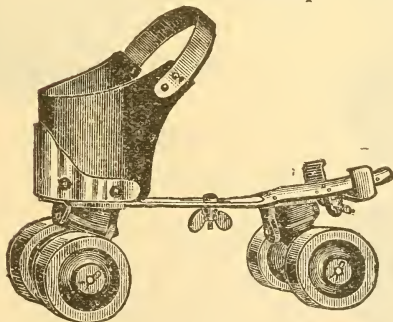
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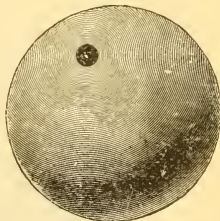


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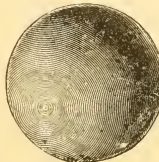
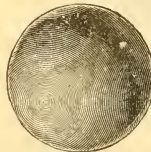
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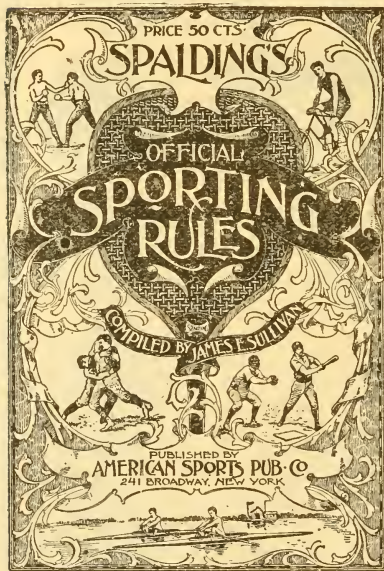
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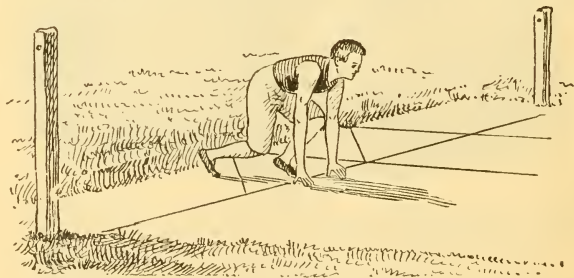
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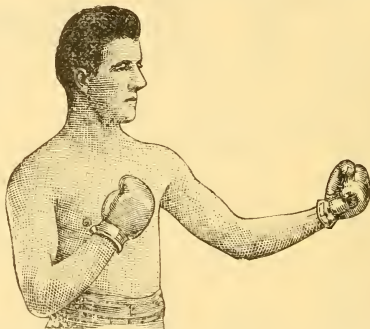
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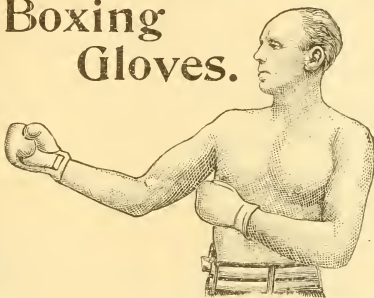
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